CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	random photos 482.jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1900635.001
Medium:	Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	11 March 2020
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	11 March 2020

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file explicitly depicts a young girl and a man involved in sexual activity. It is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. The image can only be for the purpose of sexually arousing those with a prurient interest in young girls. It presents young girls as sexually active and aware, and as appropriate sexual partners for adults. It has the effect of encouraging and legitimising such an interest. As an image file it can be shared widely among like-minded individuals. The image may also be used for the purpose of grooming children for sexual exploitation. The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications that promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes are deemed objectionable.